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MALDEN MAN SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFULLY POSSESSING A FIREARM

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A Malden, Missouri man was sentenced today for unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

MARCUS JEROME WILLIAMS, age 26, was sentenced to 42 months on one felony count of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On January 1, 2006, the Malden, Missouri police department was contacted concerning a man with a firearm on Kimball Street. Malden police officers responded and found Marcus Jerome Williams holding a .410 gauge shotgun. The officers stopped Williams and seized the firearm from him. Williams reported that he had been attacked by other persons and was

defending himself. Williams appeared to have been struck on his head just prior to the police contact.

Hanaway praised the Malden Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.